

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 34-42 and 50-52 have been amended. Claims 1-33 and 43-49 have been withdrawn from further consideration. Accordingly, claims 34-42 and 50-52 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 34, 50 and 52 are independent claims. Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments do not add new matter to the application and are fully supported by the specification.

In view of the above Amendments and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending rejections for the reasons discussed below.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 34-40 and 50-52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 5,986,726A issued to Murai (“Murai”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

With respect to claims 34-40, independent claim 34 has been amended to recites:

“34. A liquid crystal display (LCD) device comprising:
a displaying unit displaying an image;
a chassis receiving the displaying unit;
a mold frame receiving the chassis and having an opening
exposing a bottom surface of the chassis; and
a printed circuit board (PCB) controlling the displaying unit
and mounted directly on the bottom surface of the chassis.”

In this regard, Murai shows, in Fig. 2, the resin frame 2 and the metal sheet 1. The resin frame 2 receives the LCD panel 5. The metal sheet 1 receives the resin frame 2 to reinforce the thin resin frame 2, which means the resin frame 2 does not receive the metal sheet 1. The metal

sheet 1 has an opening exposing the bottom surface of the resin frame 2, which means the resin frame 2 does not have an opening exposing the bottom surface of the metal sheet 1. Thus, Murai fails to disclose or suggest “a mold frame receiving the chassis and having an opening exposing a bottom surface of the chassis”.

For these reasons, it is submitted that claim 34 is patentable over Murai. Claims 37-40 are dependent from claim 34 and would be also patentable at least for the same reason.

With respect to claims 50 and 51, independent claim 50 has been amended to recite “a mold frame receiving the chassis and having an opening exposing a bottom surface of the chassis”. As previously mentioned, Murai fails to disclose or suggest this claimed feature. Thus, it is submitted that claim 50 is patentable over Murai.

With respect to claim 52, this claim has been amended to recite “a mold frame receiving the chassis and having an opening exposing a bottom surface of the chassis”. As previously mentioned, Murai fails to disclose or suggest this claimed feature. Thus, it is submitted that claim 52 is patentable over Murai.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection of claims 34-40 and 50-52.

Claims 34, 38-41, 50 and 52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent Publication No. 04243225 by Shirohata (“Shirohata”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Shirohata discloses projecting parts 3 protruded from the bottom surface of the lamp house 1. The printed circuit board 2 is combined with the lamp house 1 by inserting the

projection parts 3 into the apertures of the printed circuit board 2. The clips 4 are inserted into the apertures formed through the projection parts.

However, Shirohata does not disclose or suggest the claimed display unit, the claimed chassis receiving the displaying unit, the claimed mold frame receiving the chassis and having an opening exposing a bottom surface of the chassis. Thus, it is submitted that claim 34 is patentable over Shirohata. Claims 38-41 are dependent from claim 34 and would be also patentable at least for the same reason.

Also, it is submitted that claims 50 and 52 are patentable over Shirohata since these claims also recite the claimed chassis receiving the displaying unit, the claimed mold frame receiving the chassis and having an opening exposing a bottom surface of the chassis.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection of claims 34, 38-41, 50 and 52.

Claims 34, 38-42, 50 and 52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 4,415,983 issued to Lachmann, et al. (“Lachmann”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Lachman discloses the LCD 12 sandwiched between the PCB 15 and the base member 13. The LCD 12 is mounted on the upper surface of the PCB 15. Thus, Lachman does not disclose or suggest (a) a chassis receiving the LCD 12, (b) the mold frame exposing a bottom surface of a chassis and (c) the PCB 15 directly mounted on a bottom surface of a chassis. Thus, it is submitted that claim 34 is patentable over Lachmann. Claims 38-42 are dependent from claim 34 and would be also patentable at least for the same reason.

It is also submitted that claims 50 and 52 are patentable at least for the same reason since they also recite a chassis receiving a displaying unit, the mold frame exposing a bottom surface of the chassis, and a PCB directly mounted on the bottom surface of the chassis.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection of claims 34, 38-42, 50 and 52.

Other Matters

In addition to the amendments mentioned above, claims 34-42 and 50-52 have been further amended for better wording and clarification and to be consistent with the amendments mentioned above.

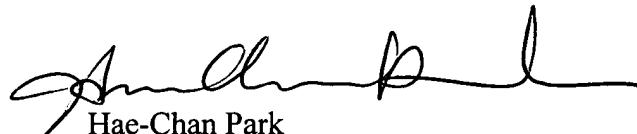
CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submit that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

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